



**Amendments to the Claims**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims**

Claims 1-153 (cancelled).

Claim 154 (new): A method for treating a hepatitis virus infection in a mammal, consisting of administering to said mammal an anti-hepatitis virus effective amount of N-nonyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 155 (new): A method for treating a hepatitis virus infection in a mammal, comprising administering to said mammal an anti-hepatitis virus effective amount of N-nonyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof substantially exclusive of the administration of an antiviral composition comprising a nucleoside, a nucleotide, an immunomodulator, or an immunostimulant.

Claim 156 (new): A method for treating a hepatitis virus infection in a mammal, comprising administering to said mammal an anti-hepatitis virus effective amount of N-nonyl-1,5-dideoxy-1,5-imino-D-glucitol or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof substantially exclusive of the administration of other antiviral compounds.